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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1863.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Whole amount committed to the collector,	\$3.372 61
Due on his collection for the year 1861,	219 11
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The Collector has discharged himself as follows :

Paid State Treasurer,	\$367 20
County Treasurer,	854 62
Town Treasurer,	1.239 36
Non-resident highway receipts,	57 44
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The amount due from the Collector,	\$1.073 10	\$3.591 72
Whole amount of money and receipts returned by the Treasurer,	14.906 00	
Whole amount paid out,	14.230 60	
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Remaining in the Treasury,		\$675 40

Receipts.

Remaining in the Treasury, March 1, 1862,	\$356 65
Received of James H. Herrick, on collection for 1860,	96
of liquor agent,	9 90
of Joseph Dow, for aid rendered by town,	11 70
of John Glover, for aid rendered by town,	4 50
of State Treasurer, literary money,	103 68
of State Treasurer, due for the aid of soldiers' families,	794 50
of John A. Moores, on note,	360 00
of New Hampshire Savings Bank, on note,	4.000 00
of Bernice Scales, on note,	50 00
of James S. Elkins, on note,	400 00

of Joshua Parker, on note,	1.700 00
of Abigail Parker, on note,	200 00
of Martin V. B. Davis, on note,	200 00
of True K. Mason, on note,	68 00
of Jonathan Randall, on note,	50 00
of James Sanborn,	300 00
of Jane Ann Fowler, on note,	200 00
of David Morrill, on note,	200 00
of Melinda Hoag, on note,	100 00
of Harrison Brown, on note,	320 00
of Grover Merrill, on note,	100 00
of Lyman R. Fellows, on note,	500 00
of Thomas L. Whidden, on note,	140 00
of Daniel Sanborn, on note,	200 00
of Orrin G. Cilley, on note,	60 00
of State Treasurer, Railroad money,	30 00
of William H. Currier, Collector,	2.039 36
(in receipts,) viz: State, County,	
and non-resident highway,	1.279 26
for the support of paupers from the	
county and other towns,	1.127 49
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	\$14.906 00

Expenditures.

Outstanding bills paid as follows:

Auditor for the year 1861,	\$2 00
Thomas L. Whidden, for cleaning Town House,	1 00
John Ingalls, for labor on Hollow Route Road,	9 00
Stephen Wiggin, for snowing bridge and labor	
on highway,	14 60
David Parker, for guide boards and posts,	8 00
Lorrain T. Weeks, for pauper bills,	43 00
True K. Mason, Collector, for abatement of Roy-	
al Scales' tax in 1858,	7 38
True K. Mason, for abatement of his tax for the	
year 1861,	67
Abel B. Boyce, School order for District No. 1,	53 07
Richard Shaw, for the support of John James,	25 00
Minot & Mugridge, for professional service,	74 50
William H. Foster, land damage,	6 00
Edward Osgood, execution against the town,	25 00
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	\$269 22

Roads and Bridges.

Paid as follows:

Orrin G. Cilley, for repairing bridge in District No. 27,	1 00
Moody Emery, for repairing bridge in District No. 32,	30 00
C. & J. C. Gage, for bridge plank,	14 65
Jeremiah Small, for repairing highway,	50
Rufus Boynton, for repairing highway,	1 05
Asa Sargent, for drawing plank and covering bridge,	2 00
Joshua Parker, for labor on Hollow Route Road,	7 00
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	\$56 20

Bills Payable.

Paid New Hampshire Savings Bank,	\$1.600 00
David Morrill, on note of Francis Morrill,	150 16
Jane Haines, on note,	25 00
Charles W. Knights, on note,	10 00
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	\$1.785 16

Professional Services.

William W. George, for notice in pauper case,	\$3 62
Thomas L. Whidden, for constable service,	9 35
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	\$12 97

Stationery.

G. Parker Lyon,	\$1 97
Morrill & Silsby,	1 60
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	\$3 57

School Money.

Paid as follows:

Daniel Sanborn, District No. 1,	\$141 74
Moody Emery, " 2,	79 05

Joseph C. Sanborn,	"	3,	73 58
Jeremiah L. Clough,	"	4,	119 86
Joseph Pickard,	"	5,	80 33
Rufus Boynton,	"	6,	120 17
Daniel W. Morrill,	"	7,	179 94
Henry C. Blinn,	"	8,	122 65
Samuel Morrill,	"	9,	31 55
Henry L. Clough,	"	10,	55 43
Joseph Heath,	"	11,	37 15
James M. Wiggin,	"	12,	62 45

\$1.103 90

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Zebulon Smith, for land damage,	\$4 00
Thomas L. Whidden, for service and wood for Town House, and service as agent of town,	2 00
For postage stamps and envelopes,	1 00
L. T. Weeks, for returning births and deaths,	3 00
Edward Osgood, for guide post and setting,	50
Chandler Hodge, for land damage taken for high- way,	17 00
Fogg & Hadley, for printing Town Reports,	20 00
John Chamberlin, for enlisting soldiers,	10 00

\$57 50

Town Officers.

Paid as follows :

Howard Moody, for services as Town Clerk,	\$27 54
Jacob C. Whidden, for services as Selectman,	60 00
Joshua Parker, " " "	25 00
John P. Kimball, " " "	23 00
Jacob C. Whidden, as Treasurer,	10 00
Jacob C. Whidden, for service as Committee to pay the families of those that have gone into the United States service,	25 00
Expenses of Selectmen at office,	30 00
Selectmen expenses from the office, including horse hire,	30 50
William H. Currier, as Collector,	42 15

\$273 19

Superintending School Committee.

Howard Moody,	\$19 00
Luther Sargent,	12 50
Lorrain T. Weeks,	15 00
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	\$46 50

Amount paid as Bounty to encourage Enlistments into the United States Service.

James S. Palmer,	\$300 00	Charles R. Foss,	300 00
Thomas S. Austin,	300 00	Joseph McDaniel,	300 00
William C. Kimball,	300 00	Charles A. Bennett,	300 00
Andrew J. Ingalls,	300 00	George W. Dearborn,	300 00
John J. Bailey,	300 00	Daniel M. Huntoon,	300 00
Abram Brown,	300 00	Peter Paro,	100 00
Bernice Scales,	300 00	Philando C. White,	300 00
Robert F. Dearborn,	300 00		

Paid to nine months' men as follows:

David K. Nudd,	\$200 00	Moody Boyce,	200 00
Erastus O. Nudd,	200 00	John S. Whidden,	200 00
Samuel G. Lovering,	200 00	Charles H. Glines,	200 00
Henry McDaniel,	200 00	Harper Allen,	200 00
Charles Huntoon,	200 00	Frank O. Pickard,	200 00
Munroe Brown,	200 00	William R. Lake,	140 00
Augustine R. Ayers,	200 00		
Oliver Locke,	200 00		
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			\$7.040 00

Amount paid to the families of those who have enlisted into the United States Service.

Lizzie S. Garland,	\$29 00	Alice C. Austin,	72 00
Prudence Bland,	140 00	Cynthia M. McDaniel,	32 00
Melinda Burdeen,	138 00	Mary A. Dearborn,	40 00
Benjamin B. Nudd,	84 00	Mary Ann Foss,	60 00
Mary E. Noyes,	45 00	Lavina J. Nudd,	48 00
Elizabeth G. Sargent,	120 50	Catherine Nudd,	48 00
Clara Story,	128 33	Harriet Locke,	48 00
Betsey McClintock,	141 00	Mrs. W. C. Kimball,	16 00
Roxannah Scales,	38 50	Eliza Lovering,	24 00
Roxannah Scales,	38 50	Joseph Dow,	55 60
Luke Eastman,	142 00		
Joseph T. Brown,	58 00		
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			\$1.546 43

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding bills,	\$269 22
Roads and bridges,	56 20
Bills payable,	1.785 16
Professional service,	12 97
Stationery,	3 57
School money,	1.103 90
Miscellaneous expenses,	57 50
Town officers,	273 19
Superintending School Committee,	46 50
State tax,	367 20
County tax,	854 62
Non-resident highway receipts,	57 44
Soldiers bounty,	7.040 00
Aid for families of soldiers,	1.546 43
For paupers,	756 70
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	\$14.230 60

Financial Condition of the Town March 1, 1863.

Due Samuel Bailey, note, including interest,	\$678 77
Polly Ham,	112 70
Jane Haines,	158 06
Jonathan Randall,	484 40
Francis Morrill,	526 67
Charles H. Chase,	501 41
Rachel Heath,	172 31
Grover Merrill,	251 27
Laroy F. Morse,	87 13
Joseph G. Clifford,	309 40
John A. Moores,	371 10
New Hampshire Savings Bank,	2.504 13
John A. Lougee,	309 25
Center L. Tillotson,	309 25
Bernice Scales,	50 16
James S. Elkins,	411 80
Dennis Kelley,	308 70
True K. Mason,	378 43
Abigail Garland,	308 70
Joshua Parker,	1.717 78
Abigail Parker,	205 70

Charles W. Knights,	298 70
Oliver Locke,	308 35
Martin V. B. Davis,	205 40
Jonathan Randall,	358 92
Peter Paro,	204 90
James Sanborn,	307 20
Jane Ann Fowler,	204 33
David Morrill,	204 00
Melinda Hoag,	102 00
Harrison Brown,	326 40
Grover Merrill,	101 91
Lyman R. Fellows,	509 17
Thomas L. Whidden,	142 24
William Blake,	61 10
Orrin G. Cilley,	60 77
Daniel Sanborn,	203 20
Liabilities of the town, Literary Fund not in- cluded,	<u>\$13.552 51</u>
Due from Wm. H. Currier, Collector, \$1.073 10	
Amount in the Treasury, 675 40	
	<u>\$1.748 50</u>
Due from State for aid of families of soldiers,	1.005 33— <u>\$2.753 83</u>
Indebtedness of the town exclusive of Literary Fund,	\$10.798 68
Amount due Literary Fund,	\$1.229 15

JACOB C. WHIDDEN, } *Selectmen*
 JOSHUA PARKER, } *of*
 JOHN P. KIMBALL, } *Canterbury.*

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, for the year 1862, report that they have examined said accounts, and find the receipts from March 1, 1862, to March 1, 1863, inclusive, to have been \$14,906.00, and the disbursements to have been \$14,230.60, the accounts of which are properly vouched and correctly cast, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$675.40.

THOMAS L. WHIDDEN, } *Auditors.*
 EDWARD OSGOOD, }

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Received of other Towns for the relief of Paupers.

To cash,	\$55 25
City of Concord, for Mary Elliott,	36 19
Town of Pittsfield, for Phillip M. C. Jones,	33 87
Received of Merrimack County, for the support of paupers,	1.057 43
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	\$1.182 74
Amount paid Town Treasurer,	756 70
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	\$426 04

Paid for the relief of Paupers.

Hiram Miles,	\$27 67
Martha and Lucy Burdeen,	25 37
John Glover,	48 57
Prudence Bland,	73 84
John Burdeen,	42 59
Mary Bennett,	5 25
Sophia Robinson,	3 50
Lydia Marsh,	19 87
Levi Bennett,	8 23
Mary Elliott,	36 19
Gordon Ingalls,	73 00
Henry Burnham,	16 00
Philip M. C. Jones,	33 87
Postage stamps and envelopes,	1 00
Jesse Kimball, salary as agent at farm,	250 00
Jacob C. Whidden, for services as Overseer of poor,	26 00
Horse hire and expenses,	10 50
Dr. L. Weeks, pauper bills for the present year,	51 75
Robert Underhill, for affidavits in Mrs. Bennett's case,	3 50
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	\$756 70

Inventory of Real and Personal Property belonging to the Town Farm.

Farm, 170 acres,	\$2.000 00
4 oxen,	240 00
7 cows,	196 00

4 shotes,	24 00
12 tons of English hay, 250 pounds of beef, 50 lbs. of butter, 40 lbs. of lard, 100 lbs. of cheese, 75 lbs. of bacon, 40 lbs. of candles and tallow, 200 lbs. of dried apples, 150 lbs. of pork, 50 lbs. of fish, 20 bushels of corn, 35 bushels of potatoes, 1 bushel of rye, 4 bushels of carrots, 4 1-2 bushels of beans, 3 bushels of turnips, 4 bushels of barley, 13 bushels of beets, 2 bushels of corn meal, 1 1-2 bushel of grass seed, 3 barrels of cider, 4 gallons of apple sauce, 2 barrels of vinegar, 15 gallons of boiled cider, 4 barrels of apples, 3 bags of fine salt, 1 1-2 barrel of flour, 27 heads of cabbage, wood sufficient for the year at the house, farming tools as good as last year, household furniture same as last year, 1000 feet sawed lumber, 12,000 ft. lumber in the log at the mill, 200 Railroad sleepers drawn out, timber enough out for an addition of 12 feet to the barn.	

Expenditures at Town Farm.

For 24 pairs of shoes,	\$23 36
6 barrels of flour,	36 50
266 pounds of fish, 4.80, 13 pounds of tobacco, 2.48,	7 28
25 gallons of molasses, 8.39, 3 scythes, 1.50,	9 89
80 pounds of sugar, 8.50, 1-2 barrel of soap, 2.00,	10 50
18 pounds of soda, 1.34, 5 pounds of tea, and 2 pounds of coffee, 3.25,	4 59
125 pounds of pork, 6.25, coarse and fine salt, 5.42,	11 67
Sweet and castor oil, alcohol and camphor,	1 66
49 pounds of beef, .98, 1 bag meal, 1.50,	2 48
3 hoes and 1 shovel, 2.66, 12 combs, .70,	3 36
13 rakes, 1.00, shaving soap, .20,	1 20
1 bed cord, .25, 1 razor, .25, 2 balls of twine, .10,	60
6 skeins of yarn and 1 pound of thread,	1 68
1 account book, .62, 4 hats, 2.55,	3 17
For blacksmithing, 7.12, making cider, 2.55,	9 67
66 3-8 yards sheeting, 13.25, prints and pants cloth, 8.63,	21 86
12 rakes, 1.00, shaving soap, .20, raisins and spices, 1.37, for drawing lumber, 5.00,	6 37

One calf, 3.50, 2 rifles, .16, 6 bushels potatoes, 1.25,	4 91
1 coffin, 1.50, pins and needles, .63,	2 13
1 teakettle, mending boiler and back for stove,	2 12
31 panes of glass, .92, school books, .30,	1 22
Kit of mackerel, 1.25, paid for digging 2 graves, 3.50,	4 75
1 barrel of onions, 2.62, matches, .30, side sole leather, 3.00,	5 92
Paid Mrs. Elliott, .55, pasturing sheep, 8.25,	8 80
Stock bought,	265 00
Allowed on salary of agent,	50 00
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	\$501 91

Receipts at the Town Farm.

176 pounds of butter, 34.52, 53 pounds of cheese, 6.12,	40 64
5 dozen of eggs, .83, 250 pounds of beef, 10.44,	11 29
2 calves, 15.00, 3 calf skins, 3.00,	18 00
3 cows and heifer, hides, 11.22, 72 pounds of poul- try, 7.85,	19 07
36 days' work, 42.30, 3 pigs, 7.00,	49 30
4000 feet of lumber, 38.17, 7 rakes, 1.16,	39 33
9 bushels of potatoes, 3.96, 5000 shingles, 12.50,	16 46
Pasturing oxen,	8 00
Stock sold,	313 00
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Receipts,	\$516 02
Expenditures,	501 91
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	\$14 11
Due from sundry individuals,	21 00
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Amount in agent's hands,	\$35 11
Whole number of weeks board at the farm for year ending March 1, 1863,	789
Number now at the farm,	17

JACOB C. WHIDDEN,
Overseer of the Poor.

Report of the Superintending School Committee.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition of schools in town for the year ending March, 1863.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss ANNIE L. SANBORN. This was the teacher's first school, and she evidently tried hard to do the best she could. Some classes made good progress. A little more thoroughness in others would have been desirable, especially in pronunciation. The order at the time of the examination was very good. The school, viewed in all its aspects may be considered an average success.

Winter Term. Teacher, WM. H. FOSTER, Esq. Length of school 13 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average attendance, 18 1-2. This school at its final examination appeared very well. The order was good, and seemed to be secured by keeping the school busy with its various exercises, rather than by the exercise of arbitrary authority. Good improvement was made in the various branches taught. Much attention was paid to writing, that highly important but sadly neglected branch of common-school education, and the neatness of the books, and the improvement made was highly commendable.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss MITTIE C. CLOUGH. Length of Summer term, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 27. Average attendance, 22.

Winter Term, Length, 10 weeks; 30 different scholars. Average attendance, 22. The reputation of Miss Clough as an accomplished and successful teacher, is too well known to require comment. All that unfailing patience, energy and perseverance could effect, was accomplished. The school was not very well supplied with class-books, making necessary a larger number of classes than was for the interest of the school. Some of the scholars, also, in their anxiety to learn a great deal, undertook too many studies at a time. But in spite of these and many other obstacles, the school made very marked improvement. Singing was practiced, and seemed greatly to interest the school, which entered into the exercise with much spirit.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss CLARA A. DAME. Length of term, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 23. Average attendance, 18.

Winter Term. Teacher, Miss TIRZAH A. H. DOW. Length, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 22. Average attendance, 13. The same general remarks apply to both terms of this school. The order was excellent.— At the final examinations, the various exercises were highly satisfactory, showing thoroughness as well as good progress. The reading, especially of the highest class, is rarely equaled by scholars of the same age. Both teachers and scholars seemed to have labored hard for success, and deserved much praise.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The *Summer Term* in this district was commenced (and continued four weeks) by Miss ANNAH HOLT, who then relinquished the charge of it in consequence of ill health. Miss Holt's qualifications for teaching, and the management of the school, were good, and commendable progress would have been made had she been able to finish the term. After a vacation of eight weeks the remaining six weeks of the term was kept by Miss PHEBE E. HARPER, a good teacher, under whose charge the school made good progress.

Winter Term. Teacher, Miss ANNIE M. OSGOOD. Miss Osgood has superior qualifications, both natural and acquired, for teaching. In awakening interest in the minds of her pupils, promoting promptness, thoroughness and accuracy in their studies, few could successfully compete with her. Hence we found the school at the close of the term in excellent condition, exhibiting the most substantial progress in all the branches taught.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss S. LIZZIE FOSTER.. This school at its close showed that Miss Foster has the substantial qualities of a good teacher. She had succeeded in gaining the confidence and respect of her pupils, and we were pleased to find the school had made very good improvement in the various branches taught.

Winter Term. Teacher, Mr. ASA E. FOSTER. He succeeded well, and the school exhibited a good degree of improvement. With more experience Mr. Foster will make an excellent teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss TIRZAH A. H. DOW. We found good order, and the exercises were characterized by system and thoroughness. Good progress was made in nearly all the branches taught. This teacher devotes all her time and energies to the interests of her pupils, and as a natural consequence, succeeds well.

Winter Term. Teacher, Mr. MOSES E. STEVENS. The general appearance of the school indicated uniformity of government, and a cheerful co-operation with the teacher, on the part of the parents and pupils. At the close, it appeared that the scholars had made very commendable improvement, and their deportment was well spoken of by the teacher, who, it was evident, labored very industriously for the good of his school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss MARY E. BATCHELDER. On account of the large number of scholars in this school, and the tendency to insubordination on the part of some, we were somewhat inclined to distrust Miss Batchelder's ability to govern the school, knowing her to be possessed of an easy and amiable disposition. But she proved herself as efficient to govern, as she is able to instruct. The school made as good improvement as we anticipated, considering the large number of classes to be instructed.

From the same cause, a drawback was apparent in the improvement of the school at the close of the Winter term, which was taught by Mr. CHARLES H. PATTERSON, a member of Dartmouth College, a fine scholar, and possessing what we do not always find to be the case with collegians, a thorough knowledge of the elementary branches required to be taught in district schools.—An unfortunate encounter occurred between the teacher and one of the larger scholars, which resulted in the scholar's leaving the school. Not having been called to investigate the case, we do not feel qualified to pass judgment upon its merits. All things considered, the school appeared very well at the close of the term, and the improvement made was commendable.

DISTRICT NO. 8—SHAKERS.

Teacher, Miss ANGELINE B. CLIFFORD. This school made good progress. It seemed to be the aim of the teacher to have all the studies well understood and the first principles comprehended. Considerable attention was given to pronunciation, accent and emphasis, and also to defining words and spelling by the elementary sounds. We think the school was a profitable one.

Winter Term. Teacher, Mr. NICHOLAS A. BRIGGS, who entered upon his duties with energy and spirit, and succeeded in arousing the same qualities in his pupils, and as a consequent result, the progress made by the entire school was satisfactory to all.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

During the past year this school has been under the instruction of Miss JULIAETT KIMBALL, who is an experienced teacher and a good disciplinarian. It was apparent at the close that both teacher and scholars had worked together, and as a natural result the school made good proficiency. Writing received its proper share of time but no more than its importance demands. Singing was introduced with fine effect.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The inhabitants of this district have built a neat and commodious school house the past season at an expense of \$280. There was no Summer school. The Winter school which is being taught by Miss ABI B. SCALES, an approved teacher, has not been examined, and consequently we are unable to report its present state, but have no doubt it will appear well at its close from the known ability of Miss Scales.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss ANN E. HUSE. Length of Summer term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 9 1-2. Length of Fall term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 17. Average attendance, 13 1-2. Owing to some misunderstanding the school was not visited at the close of the Summer term. At the close of the Fall term, the examination showed very commendable progress and improvement. The order was good. In addition to the usual studies the teacher imparted to her pupils a large amount of useful information upon a variety of subjects which rendered the school much more interesting and profitable than it otherwise would have been.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

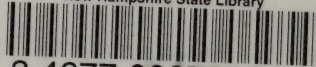
Summer Term. Teacher, Miss MARTHA A. CLOUGH. It was her first effort to teach and consequently she labored under the disadvantage of inexperience. Added to this the length of the term was but seven weeks; hence we were not much disappointed to find very little improvement at the close of the term.

Winter Term. Teacher, Mr. CHARLES M. EMERY. This was the second term that Mr. Emery has taught, and we take pleasure in speaking of the school as being in a very favorable state at its close, the pupils generally having made good improvement. We shall be greatly disappointed if Mr. Emery is not hereafter esteemed as one of the first of teachers if he continues to engage in the important business of instructing youth.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It will be seen from the foregoing brief report that our schools for the year past have been attended with more than average success; that while none have been reported as failures and a majority as above an average for past years, a few have been attended with eminent success. Your committee would be very happy to be able to assure you that this advanced position will not only be maintained, but that it is only the first step in the onward march to perfection, which is to be continued without interruption from year to year, but with new Prudential Committees and a change of teachers, no one can feel sure of retaining our present position even. Prudential Committees have much to do with the welfare of schools. They cannot expend too much judgment in the selection of teachers, nor should they fear a little outlay of time and money in obtaining those of the right cast. The best man in the district should be selected to fill this office, and, as no one is so perfect as not to be improved by experience, he should be re-elected from year to year "during good behavior."

Before selecting a teacher the committee should satisfy himself not only that the requisite literary qualifications are possessed, but also that the person possesses such mental and moral endowments as he would wish his children to imitate and acquire. A teacher should possess the faculty of so ex-



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plaining, illustrating and adapting the principles presented, to the understanding of his scholars, as to make them not only understood, but attractive. No teacher, however, can do this, if required, by the great number of classes to *rush* from exercise to exercise, from nine o'clock in the morning till dark. In most of our schools several classes might be dispensed with, if the scholars were properly classified, and supplied with text-books of the right kind. A school should be classified by the teacher with the advice of the Superintending Committee (not by the scholars) and parents should promptly and cheerfully furnish the necessary books. Teachers should not admit of more classes in their schools than they can properly teach, for it is much better that a child be well taught in one branch of study, than imperfectly in half a dozen. It is highly important, also, that scholars should be regular and seasonable in their attendance. A surprising number of instances of tardiness are reported in some schools; in one instance forty-one times tardy in fifty-three days attendance.

Teachers should be sustained by parents in maintaining good order in school, without it very little can be accomplished. The very best teachers, those who govern by keeping the scholars busy and interested, rather than by severe corporeal punishment, will occasionally meet with cases where nothing but the length of the rod and the vigor of the arm is appreciated.

In conclusion, "Eternal vigilance" on the part of the *whole* community is as really the price of good schools, as of Liberty.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LORRAIN T. WEEKS, } Superintending
LUTHER SARGENT, } School
HOWARD MOODY, } Committee.

Canterbury, March 1, 1863.